

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air a documentary unfavorable to Senator Kerry days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. We see that large conglomerates now control much of the airwaves, therefore we frequently get more of what's good for the business's monetary gains and less of what is fair and just for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve a thorough review and renewal based on accuracy and service to the public. Thank you.